

Legislative Process

This year, Congress entered its 112th Session, marking nearly two and a half centuries since our Republic was formed. Throughout this time, the Legislative Branch of our Government has adopted accepted practices for writing, processing and eventually creating laws. This page contains links to educational documents related to this federal legislative process.

[How the Process Works:](#) Explains the overarching legislative process

[How Our Laws Are Made:](#) A broken down analysis of how a bill becomes a law

1. [Forms of Congressional Action](#)
2. [Introduction and Reference to Committee](#)

[For Kids: -- How Laws are Made:](#) Educational site for kids, parents, and teachers

[Enactment of a Law:](#) Describes how laws are enacted.

[The Declaration of Independence:](#) The full text of the Declaration of Independence

The Constitution of the United States: The full text of the U.S. Constitution

- **Foreword and Historical Notes** [↗](#)
- **Bill of Rights** [↗](#)
- **Other Amendments to the Constitution**
- **Amendments Not Ratified**

Historical Information: From the Office of the Clerk of the House